

**Department:** Community Justice      **Program Contact:** Tracey Freeman  
**Program Offer Type:** Innovative/New Program      **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:** One-Time-Only Request

**Executive Summary**

The Youth & Gang Violence Steering Committee of the Multnomah County Local Public Safety Coordinating Council recently completed the assessment phase of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Comprehensive Community Gang Model. A key theme found in the resulting assessment report was the need for “mentors that get it,” meaning mentors who have lived the experience of gangs, to work with youth who are already involved with gangs or at risk of becoming involved.

**Program Summary**

Gang Violence has been a growing concern in Multnomah County and traditional efforts at suppression have not stopped gang violence. Providing mentoring services designed to serve the juvenile justice population is a strategy for addressing the gang issues in our community. Programs that provide mentoring for youth serve not only to establish positive nurturing relationships with adults, but also to provide pathways to increased opportunities in education and employment in the community. In addition, research has shown that juvenile justice youth who have participated in various mentoring programs had a reduction in recidivism compared to youth who did not receive mentoring services (Clayton 2009). Mentors help disconnected youth reintegrate back into their communities and stay focused on positive aspects of their lives.

Community Healing Initiative (CHI) Mentoring Services is a prevention and intervention strategy aimed at reducing youth involvement in gangs. CHI Mentoring Services will target gang involved youth or youth who are at risk for gang involvement ages 11-18 years. Mentoring will be delivered as an additional service component within the existing Community Healing Initiative program of the Juvenile Services Division, with youth who are on probation being the first priority. CHI is a family and community centered collaboration designed to stop youth and gang violence in Multnomah County by addressing its root causes. CHI provides culturally specific and evidence based services to medium and high risk youth and their families. It is anticipated mentoring services will be for the duration of approximately one year, as research has shown that relationships that persist over a longer period of time produce more positive outcomes (Clayton 2009).

Mentors with life experiences similar to mentees can help establish bonds between mentors and the youth with whom they are paired. In addition to being culturally responsive it is crucial to have mentors that represent positive adults the youth can identify with. CHI Mentoring Services will recruit mentors that match these factors. Culturally competent, strength-based services that are delivered in the community are shown to be most effective with disenfranchised youth. All the work currently conducted through CHI prevents unnecessary and expensive detainment in correctional facilities. Adding mentoring services will enhance CHI’s ability to effectively work with and engage this population.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY14 Actual	FY15 Purchased	FY15 Estimate	FY16 Offer
Output	Number of youth served	NEW	NEW	NEW	60
Outcome	Percentage of youth demonstrating increased involvement in prosocial activities	NEW	NEW	NEW	70%

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2015	2015	2016	2016
<b>Program Expenses</b>				
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$220,000	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$220,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$220,000</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: